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Love.

Dearer than earthly love,
Though rich and rare,
The love God offers thee,
O maiden, fair!
Hearts sighing at thy feet,
Sigh on in vain,
Helpless to give the power
To love again.
Stronger than earthly love,
Welded in ore,
The links that bind true hearts
For evermore.
To his great heart, He gives
Fresh from above
To every soul that lives
His power to love.

—SEL.

Field Echoes.

On Saturday, April 19th, the brethren of the church at Milford gave out the contracts for the erection of their contemplated house of worship. To erect this will call forth the financial strength of our worthy brethren and friends in the town and vicinity. But with their confidence reposed in such an excellent building committee, having Bro. Clayton in the van, and the unwavering faith manifested in the cause of our Savior, victory is sure to crown the effort. A brick structure 60x36 ft., gothic style, slate roof, with a spire rising 80 ft. heavenward will soon be seen in Milford, Ind., a monument of Christian zeal and philanthropy. An abiding evidence that the *Gospel alone* has power to provide a shelter from the stormy blasts of sin; and as such we truly desire the Brethren *organizations*, as well as their places of worship, to be. Places where burdened hearts and weary souls may find repose. A retreat from the oppression of sin in all its varied forms. May God help us to make our churches homelike, that those who meet with us may feel that,

"The place most delightful this earth can afford.
Is the place of devotion the house of the Lord;
And the friends that must cheer me on life's rugged road
Are the friends of my Master the children of God."

Owing to the busy season of the year I deemed it prudent to close at New Paris, last Sabbath eve. I found the very best of people at this place and feel very grateful to them for the efforts put forth to make my sojourn with them pleasant, and to further on our work in their midst. The Brethren church will become a permanent factor at this place in preaching and living out the truths of the gospel. Bro. Skelley will tell you the rest. The good brethren of Milford attended when they could do so.

I have been visiting among the members of Milford for a few days. Came to brother John Dubbs today, intending to take a fishing-boat-ride on the beautiful lake near his place, but got hold of his pen and started off with these "echoes" and now it is nearly sun down. Well I suppose it is doing the greatest good to the greatest number, if I write these lines for you readers, but I would like to try fishing for the finny tribe, while I am out here where lakes are so plenty. Will hold a few meetings the latter part of this week at Gravelton, 4 miles west of Milford.

Later :—Have, since writing the above, visited Bro. Geo. Dubb's, Mr. Thompson's, his son-in-law whose wife, sister Cora is a member of the brethren church; also Mr. Juddy's family near Milford, who we hope will soon take refuge within the Brethren tower. The cause is needing more ministers badly in Indiana.

We shall baptize several at our next appointment in Milford, May 2nd.

R. F. MALLOTT.

Milford, Ind., Apr. 24.

Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

The Alabama Baptist says there is a Baptist preacher in Georgia who has served a church for a year and a half, for which he received the sum total of four dollars. The Baptists ought to be ashamed of that church, but then, that kind of dead sea Christians are not all confined to the Baptist church.

That was a good point sister Kateura Wolfe made, regarding the wearing of birds as ornaments. Last year, five million birds were slaughtered. Women who wear birds as ornaments should not talk to men about using tobacco. There is a society somewhere in the United States working against such a slaughter.

"60,000 Hebrews in New York, not one of them keeps a grog shop." That speakes well for the Hebrews. Bro. A. L. Snowberger, give us another article on temperance, that is a good doctrinal point, and that one is not touched half enough.

The Pall Mall Budget says: Mrs. Oscar Wilde, at a meeting of the Rational Dress Society, moved: "That some reform is much needed in women's dress, in order to make it more convenient and at the same time more graceful." I don't know about the "graceful" part, but a reform is needed in this country for health, say nothing of other reasons.

The Spanish Inquisition had its head bruised, but its tail is still wiggling in the "form that lacks power."

If going to Florida developed sister Snader's thoughts, others should go. There are a number of members who could use the pen to advantage but do not. Our sister's article was appreciated by some I know. I hope she will tell us about that car ride into the city. Describe it just as it appeared to you.

The man who believes one thing and yet preaches another thing, wants to grind an ax, or somebody else wants to grind an ax, and is getting him to turn the grind-stone. In either case he is playing the fool.

Sister Laura Slotter must be worth about five thousand dollars a year. Johnson said the habit of looking on the bright side of things was worth about a thousand pounds a year. Sister Laura is worth more than that for she tries to get others to look on the bright side.

Lieutenant Greely, in "three years of Artic Service," speaking of life at Cape Sabine says: "Insufficiently clothed, for months without drinking water, destitute of warmth, our sleeping bags frozen to the ground, our walls, roof, and floor covered with frost and ice, subsisting on *one fifth* of an Arctic ration—almost without clothing, light, heat, or food, yet we were never without courage, faith and hope." If all this was for the cause of science, can't Christians suffer much for Christ.

Mrs. Fawcett says: "If men and women would learn in every action of their lives neves to take pleasure in what brings pain, shame, misery and moral death to others, earth would be turned into heaven."

"The best way to discipline one's heart against scandal is to believe all stories to be false which ought not to be true."

The Apostolic Guide, is discussing: Shall women speak in church? If women uttered half the nonsense some of the writers who oppose them do, we would say they should not speak in public, and very little in private.

Sister Lottie Holsinger's courageous act, facing Wengent, reminds me of Priest Hogan and the frogs. Hogan left the church and opened a law office. Near him was a very large pond filled with frogs, large and small, fat and lean, and their mouths were so large they had but little room for brain, consequently they made plenty of noise, much to Hogan's disgust. He concluded to stop them one evening. He took a lantern, put it under his coat and took his seat near the water, when the concert was under full way, he took the lantern and swung it over the water and the frogs disappeared and the noise ceased. Now all you have to do with the frogs among men is to throw light on their noise.

I visited Waynesboro, Pa., found our friends and members all well. They are doing all the good they can, they are true blue, for they have stood firm to principle under unpleasant circumstances. Bad goods could not have stood the strain. I enjoyed the hospitality of brother John Gehr and wife, also brother Snyder's and family. My visit was one of pleasure and profit.

Sister Gehr and husband are students of the C. L. S. C. having graduated with the first class formed by this out door College. I naturally feel interested in her members. Sister Laura Grossnickle will graduate next year. Sister G's father, Bro. Hiteshue was an acquaintance of my father's, and meeting him was an additional pleasure.

I wish to say that our tract society has been organized simply to scatter tracts, gospel truth, no traditions; the truth only, and nothing but the truth; hence you need not be afraid to sustain it. I want to scatter a million pages of tracts this year, and will try to do it. The man who aims at the sun may not reach it, but he will go higher than if he aimed lower. Our members generally are interested, hence we will accomplish our object.

JOHN DUKE.

Lathrop, Cal.

April 16.—Bro. Beer and my husband, J. P. Wolf, and sister Lizzie Kilhefner and a lady friend, have gone to the Altamont church, to hold meetings. From there they expect to go to Marsh creek for the same purpose. I hope they will have good meetings and pray that some souls may be converted. The cause is moving very slowly in part of the extreme West. We hope the brethren and sisters of the East will pray for us. If any of the ministering brethren that are traveling around among the churches, would come out here, it would be very encouraging to us indeed.

We have received the EVANGELIST that has Bro. Wampler's article in. Now it seems to me we should try to do all the good we can. If his article and all others about the G. B's., wrongdoings can do any one any good. I will suggest to have a separate paper or tract for that purpose. If our paper had not that disagreeable feature about it, I would work to circulate it among the people out side of the church. I hope these troubles will soon have an end.

It has been very encouraging to read of the many good meetings, and the great number of converts that begun the good work. Hope they may hold out faithful and do many good works for the advancement of the cause.

Well, Bro. Holsinger, if you don't conclude to come to California at the present, hope you will be through your College work, by this fall; then come and let us have a glorious good camp meeting, in the grove. Bring your wife and stay a while and rest up from your long and fatigueing labor.

Bro. Bashor or any other brother who might feel slighted, can accept this invitation. We can use all; the harvest is indeed great but the laborers are few.

This has been the most favorable season I have ever seen in California. The crops are looking very fine. Early grain is heading out, plenty of early vegetables ready for table use. I will close by sending $1.00 for the sisters band for the College. From your well wishing sister,

ANNIE WOLF.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

Elder J. S. Mohler of the G. B. church, is now located in this vicinity.

The G. B. district meeting for N. E. Kansas was held recently near Morrill. Eld. John Wise was present. Eld. Wise was one of the first advocates for a paid ministry in the G. B. church.

That is a No. 1 hit by Bro. John Duke, on doctrinal preaching.

Thanks for the sympathy and advice expressed in this weeks (April 12th) EVANGELIST, by different writers.

We feel somewhat discouraged, but not because we are persecuted by our enemies.

The district meeting of the G. B's., donated fifteen dollars to aid J. B. Lair in his financially needy circumstances. They should have given much more, if I was as rich as some of them are, I would have given more than that myself. O how I would love to aid, even needy enemies.

If possible get that college debt paid brethren as I want to get some one else appointed for evangelist in Kansas, and let me out to do the begging for his support. I believe I could beg for some one else.

Calls for Mission work come pouring in. Please brethren remember Holsinger's advice as to stamps. We will try and furnish paper and envelopes.

The Virginia and Indiana brethren are entering warmly upon the Mission work. Keep warm brethren and above all, don't let your missionaries get cold.

Don't say times are too hard to support the mission cause as long as you chew and smoke tobacco, drink tea and coffee, eat rich table delicacies and sleep behind lace curtained windows.

Deeper and more thorough consecration is what every body needs.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kansas, April 16th.

Williams, Oregon.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—I will inform you of my misfortune on the night of 25th of March. The saw mill that I had rented, caught fire and burned down, a loss of $800 dollars to me. It will take all that I have to rebuild again. I will not be able to preach for awhile, but when I have it rebuilt, then I will go to the work again for the Master.

Dear Brethren, remember me in your prayers.

We will inform you of the death of sister Bigelow. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. It was stated that it was the largest funeral that was ever in the country.

WM. PULLEN.

April 10, 1886.

North Star, Ohio.

Apr. 20.—We have regular meetings here each alternate Lord's day evening, and preaching either by the writer or Bro. N. R. Gilbert, as best we can. We have had no series of meetings since October last. We have the use of the M. E. church, but do not know how long it will continue, as they are making a strong effort to revive their class here, which for some months had been abandoned.

May the Lord bless us at North Star, and all other points.

A. PEARSON.

Bro. J. L. Hamilton, of Corbitt, Ford Co., Kans., wishes to know whether there are any other brethren in that vicinity. If there are, will they please write to him.